



Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues

Minutes of the 114th Plenary meeting

Held on 16 February 2022 (webconference)

(Agreed on 28 February, 2022)

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Paulien Adriaanse, Annette Aldrich, Philippe Berny, Tamara Coja, Sabine Duquesne, Andreas Focks, Antonio Hernandez-Jerez (chair), Marina Marinovich, Maurice Millet, Olavi Pelkonen, Silvia Pieper, Aldrik Tiktak, Christopher Topping, Anneli Widenfalk, Martin Wilks, Gerrit Wolterink.

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Zsuzsanna Koenig

■ EFSA:

PREV Unit: Fernando Alvarez, Maria Arena, Domenica Autieri, Marco Binaglia, Anna Castoldi, Arianna Chiusolo, Federica Crivellente, Isabella De Magistris, Mark Egsmose, Gabriella Fait, Franco Ferilli, Varvara Gouliarmou, Laia Herrero, Alessio Ippolito, Frederique Istace, Aude Kienzler, Anna Lanzoni, Roberto Lava, Renata Leuschner, Alberto Linguadoca, Christopher Lythgo, Iris Mangas, Marco Marchesi, Laura Padovani, Martina Panzarea, Juan Parra Morte, Rositsa Serafimova, Rachel Sharp, Nikolaos Tagaras, Manuela Tiramani, Laura Villamar

PLANTS Unit: Melanie Camilleri, Andrea Mioc, Patricia Nascimento, Tobin Robinson, Evgenia Sarakatsani, Marta Szot, Anne Theobald

■ Observers:

Not Applicable

- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process. At the beginning of the meeting an interest related to agenda item 6.2 was declared orally by Andreas Focks, as team member of one of the subcontractors for an EFSA procurement. The Chair asked Andreas to disconnect from the webconference during the agenda item 6.2.

4. On-going activities of the Scientific Committee

The chair informed the Panel on the on-going and planned activity for 2022 of the Scientific Committee (SC). In line with what was requested at the 107th SC meeting, the Panel brainstormed and came up with proposals on possible horizontal activities for the SC workplan of the following years.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible endorsement

5.1. Update on the Working Group 'IATA DNT - VGSC AOP'

The Panel was updated on the status of the on-going activities. The Panel was also informed on timeline and planning and on the proposal to shift the deadline for finalising the output to December 2022.

5.2 Development of Adverse Outcome Pathways relevant for the identification of substances having endocrine disruptors properties (EFSA-Q-2019-00492)

The Panel was updated on plan and timelines of the project and on a new grant to be launched in April 2022.

5.3 Common metabolites to Pyrethroids (EFSA-Q-2021-00118)

The Panel was informed on the progress for the first 2 steps of the terms of reference in the Commission mandate, i.e. preparatory work and toxicological characterisation. The planning and the possible items to be discussed at the next meeting were also presented.

5.4 Request for a Statement on the design and conduct of groundwater monitoring studies supporting groundwater exposure assessments of pesticides (EFSA-Q-2021-00788)

The terms of reference of the mandate were presented. The public consultation on the paper by Gimsing et al. (2019) is on-going (deadline for submitting comments: 8th March). The possible chair of the WG was approached and invited to submit a DoI.

6. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

6.1. Analysis of dog data from European Pesticide Registration

EFSA presented an analysis performed to elucidate the contribution of dog data in the risk assessment of pesticides. Future actions and contributions were discussed. Two Panel members (Tamara and Olavi) agreed to support EFSA secretariat in writing an editorial to be published on the EFSA Journal.

6.2. Non-Target Arthropods: outsourced project

The team, the scope and objective and the expected deliverables and timelines of the AENEAS project (advancing the environmental risk assessment of non-target arthropods for plant protection products by accounting for the impact on ecosystem services and on the ecological function) were presented for information.

7. AOB

The Panel was updated on the recent publication of the revised EFSA guidance on the assessment of exposure of operators, workers, residents and bystanders in risk assessment of plant protection products. The Panel was also informed on the upcoming webinar on the developed calculator tool annexed to the EFSA guidance (to be held on 25 February 2022).